GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Dept. –Smt.K.Kusuma Kumari, Extension Officer (PR&RD), Kothapatnam Mandal, Prakasam District – Disciplinary proceedings instituted - Penalty of stoppage of one (1) annual Grade Increment with cumulative effect - Awarded - Orders - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 465 Dated: 29-07-2019

Read the following:

1. From GA (V&E) Dept, Vigilance Report No.45, (C.No.4276/V&E/ D2/82012), dt:28.05.2015.
2. G.O.Rt.No.743, PR&RD (Vig.IV) Dept., dated:01.08.2015
3. Explanation of K.Kusuma Kumari, Extension Officer (PR&RD), Kothapatnam Mandal, Prakasam District, dated:28.10.2015.
4. G.O.Rt.No.24, PR&RD (Vig.IV) Dept, dated:05.01.2017
5. From Dr. M.Sudhakar Rao, Additional Commissioner and Inquiry Officer,O/o Commissioner, PR&RD, Lr.No.567/CPR&RE/E2.Vig/2010, dated:7.3.2018
6. Govt.Memo.No. 8698/VIG.IV/A1/2015-15, dated:01.11.2018.
7. A.P High Court order, dated: 28.11.2018 in W.P.No.30613/2018 filed by K.Kusuma Kumari, EO, PR&RD
8. From K. Kusuma Kumari, EO, PR&RD, Prakasam dist, explanation, dated:7.12.2018.
9. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.328/DC&C/2019, dated:21.05.2019

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, it was brought to the notice of the Government by the General Administration (V&E) Department that, they conducted an enquiry into the allegations levelled against K.Kusuma Kumari, Extension Officer (PR&RD), Kothapatnam Mandal, Prakasam District in allotment of fish tank by conducting auction at Gonugunta (V) in violation of rules and also certain other irregularities, and reported that the said individual and also 4 others have committed certain irregularities.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, article of charges were issued to Smt.K.Kusuma Kumari, the then EO (PR&RD), Chimakurthy, Tripuranthakam & Kothapatnam Mandals, Prakasam district along with 4 others under rule 24 & rule 20 of A.P.Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, charged officer submitted her written statements of defence and the same was found as not convincing.

4. In the reference 4th read above, Government had appointed Sri.M.Sudhakara Rao, Additional Commissioner, O/o Commissioner, PR&RD as the Inquiry Officer to conduct inquiry into the charges framed against all the 5 charged officers including Smt.K.Kusuma Kumari, E.O(PR&RD).

5. In the reference 5th read above, the Additional Commissioner and inquiry officer has submitted the Inquiry report to Government. In that 1st charge is not proved and other 2 charges are partially proved in respect of K. Kusuma Kumari, E.O. (PR&RD). However, the Govt., have observed that the individual before attending the auction of fishery rights conducted by the G.P. didn't verify whether the Gram Panchayat has followed the instructions issued for auction of fishery right, and failed to attend her legitimate duty therefore the charge that she authenticated the highest bidder without following procedure is held proved.

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6. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiry Report was communicated to the Charged Officer with disagreement factor along with 4 others individually for submitting their written representations.

7. Meanwhile, K.Kusuma Kumari, EO(PR&RD), Prakasam Dist. filed W.P.No.30613/2018. In the reference 7th read above, the AP High Court in its order directed as follows;

> "the writ petition is accordingly closed directing the respondents to pass appropriate orders upon the articles of charges framed against the petitioner-applicant vide G.O.Rt.No743 dated:1.8.2015 taking into account the findings of the enquiry officer in his report dated:7.3.2018. This exercise shall be completed expeditiously and, in any event, not later than six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Pending miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall also stand closed. No order as to costs."

8. In the reference 8th read above, K. Kusuma Kumari, EO(PR&RD), Chimakurty, Prakasam District submitted her explanation to the Government.

9. Keeping in view the time limit stipulated by the AP High Court, the Department has decided to finalise the case of K.Kusuma Kumari, EO(PR&RD). The explanation submitted by the C.O. was examined the same was found not convincing. It is provisionally decided to impose punishment of "stoppage of One (1) annual grade increment with cumulative effect" on K.Kusuma Kumari, EO(PR&RD), Chimakurty, Prakasam District.

10. In the reference 10th read above, the A.P.Public Service Commission concurred with the proposal of the Government to impose punishment of "stoppage of One (1) annual grade increment with cumulative effect" on K.Kusuma Kumari, EO(PR&RD), Chimakurty, Prakasam District.

11. Government, after careful examination of the matter with reference to material on record, explanation submitted by the individual, findings of the Inquiry Authority and concurrence of the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, have decided to impose a penalty of "stoppage of One (1) annual grade increment with cumulative effect" against Smt. K.Kusuma Kumari, EO(PR&RD), Chimakurty, Prakasam District.

12. Accordingly, Government hereby impose a penalty of "stoppage of One (1) annual grade increment with cumulative effect" against Smt. K.Kusuma Kumari, EO(PR&RD), Chimakurty, Prakasam District.

13. The Commissioner, PR&RD, A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur District shall take further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:
The Commissioner, PR&RD, A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur District
The individual through the C.E.O., Z.P.P., Prakasam Dist.
The Secretary, APPSC, A.P., R&B Building, Vijayawada
The Secretary to VC, APVC, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi
The District Treasury Officer, Prakasam District.
The Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Hyderabad.
Sf/SC

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SECTION OFFICER